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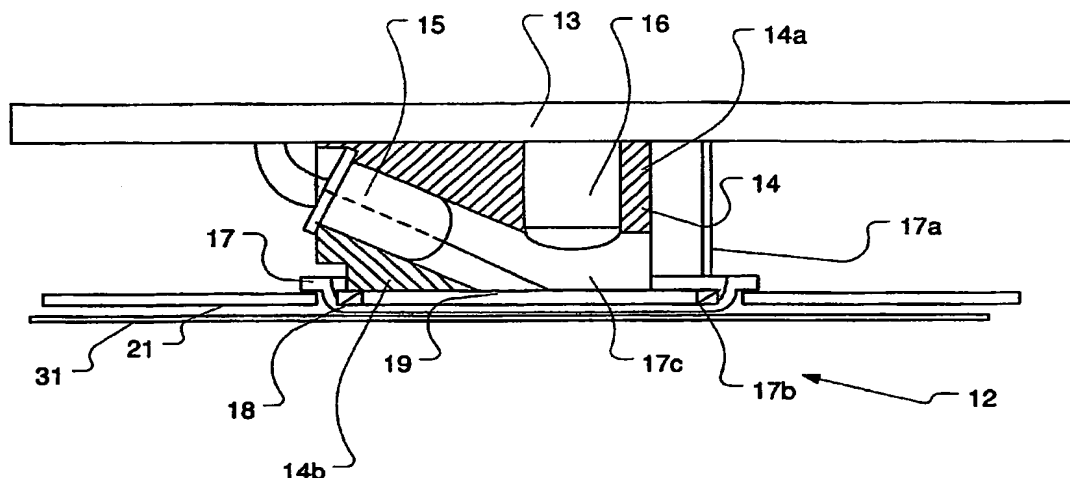
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(57) Abstract: A bar code scanner uses a narrow slit instead of focusing optics. The slit may be formed by chemically etching a thin metal plate and, in use, may be protected by a transparent cover.

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